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SUBJECT: FIVE POWER MESSAGE ON REFORM

REF: STATE 147634

1. FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET ALFRED CAHEN TOLD US MORNING JUNE 10 THAT BELGIUM AGREES TO U.S. CONDITION THAT A NEW POINT FOUR, QUOTE THE REFORM OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES END QUOTE, BE ADDED TO THE PARIS WORKING GROUP DRAFT TEXT OF MESSAGE ON REFORM TO BE PRESENTED TO MOBUTU. CAHEN SAID HE THOUGHT THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WAS "REASONABLE" AND THAT DANGER OF TOO STRONG A TEXT WAS THAT MOBUTU COULD BE ANGERED AND REACT NEGATIVELY TO THE JOINT APPROACH. NEVERTHELESS, BELGIUM ACCEPTED THE U.S. CONDITION.

2. HE STRESSED THAT BELGIUM SUPPORTED A JOINT DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU ONLY IF ALL FIVE WERE IN AGREEMENT, CITING MOBUTU'S WELL-KNOWN PENCHANT FOR PLAYING ONE COUNTRY OFF AGAINST THE OTHER. IF ANY COUNTRY IS NOT ABOARD, BELGIUM WILL BACK OUT.

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3. CAHEN SAID THAT BELGIUM BELIEVES THAT "REFORM OF THE FAZ" IMPLIES THE PROVISION OF MEANS TO HELP THEM REFORM THEMSELVES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT A "HUMAN PRESENCE" WILL BE REQUIRED AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE FAZ, INCLUDING BOTH OFFICER AND NCO LEVELS. CHAMBERS

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